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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OPPOSITION LEADER TO VISIT SENEGAL

1. DURING PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S APRIL 28 MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD HAFIZ GHANIM IN DAKAR, SENGHOR SAID THAT ISRAELI LABOR PARTY LEADER SHIMON PERES IS EXPECTED TO COME TO DAKAR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12. BECAUSE OF ISRAELI SECURITY CONCERNS, PERES WILL BE LODGED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. SENGHOR CLAIMS THAT PERES HAS ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION ON THE WEST BANK, UNDER A CONFEDERAL ARRANGEMENT LINKING AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN ENTITY AND ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO SENGHOR, PERES WILL REMAIN IN DAKAR AN ADDITIONAL DAY AFTER THE SOCIALIST MEETING TO WORK ON THE PLAN WITH SENGHOR WHO HOPES ALSO TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN PERES AND PALESTINIAN MODERATES. SOURCE OF FOREGOING IS EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SABET WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE MEETING. PLEASE PROTECT.

2. COMMENT: PLO OFFICIAL ISAL SARTAWI HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN DAKAR TO SEEK SENGHOR'S HELP IN RECONCILING EGYPT AND THE PLO. IF PERES MEETS WITH A PLO REPRESENTATIVE,

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IT WOULD PROBABLY BE SARTAWI. IDEA OF PALESTINIAN ENTITY FEDERATED OR CONFEDERATED WITH ISRAEL IS, OF COURSE, SENGHOR'S LONGSTANDING PERSONAL FORMULA FOR MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION.
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